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Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking

activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than June 25, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Paul Kaboth, Banking Supervisor) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *Tonti Financial Corporation*, Columbus, Ohio; to merge with Greater Ohio River Corp., Columbus, Ohio, and thereby indirectly acquire First Bank of Marietta, Marietta, Ohio.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Associated Banc-Corp.*, Green Bay, Wisconsin; to merge with Riverside Acquisition Corp., Minneapolis, Minnesota, and thereby acquire Riverside Bancshares Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Riverside Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

2. *Peoples Bancorp, Inc.*, Arlington Heights, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Peoples Bank of Arlington Heights, Arlington, Heights, Illinois (in organization).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 25, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of March 30, 1999.

In accordance with § 271.5 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on March 30, 1999.¹ The directive was issued to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as follows:

The information reviewed at this meeting suggests that the expansion in economic activity is still robust. Nonfarm payroll employment posted sizable further gains in January and

February, and the civilian unemployment rate remained below 4½ percent. Total industrial production edged higher over the first two months of the year. Total retail sales rose sharply further over the two months, and housing starts increased appreciably from an already elevated level. Available indicators suggest that business capital spending decelerated in early 1999 but growth was still relatively rapid. The nominal deficit on U.S. trade in goods and services widened substantially in January from its fourth-quarter average. Inflation has remained subdued despite very tight labor markets.

Short-term interest rates have changed little since the meeting on February 2-3, 1999, while longer-term rates have risen somewhat on balance. Key measures of share prices in equity markets have registered mixed changes over the intermeeting period. In foreign exchange markets, the trade-weighted value of the dollar has risen somewhat over the period in relation to the currencies of a broad group of important U.S. trading partners, and the appreciation has been a bit larger against a subset of major currencies.

M2 and M3 continued to record large increases in January and February, but available data pointed to substantial moderation in March. Both aggregates are estimated to have increased over the first quarter at rates somewhat above the Committee's annual ranges. Total domestic nonfinancial debt has continued to expand at a pace somewhat above the middle of its range.

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. In furtherance of these objectives, the Committee at its meeting in February established ranges for growth of M2 and M3 of 1 to 5 percent and 2 to 6 percent respectively, measured from the fourth quarter of 1998 to the fourth quarter of 1999. The range for growth of total domestic nonfinancial debt was set at 3 to 7 percent for the year. The behavior of the monetary aggregates will continue to be evaluated in the light of progress toward price level stability, movements in their velocities, and developments in the economy and financial markets.

To promote the Committee's long-run objectives of price stability and sustainable economic growth, the Committee in the immediate future seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with maintaining the federal funds rate at an average of around 4¾ percent. In view of the evidence currently available, the Committee believes that prospective developments

¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting of March 30, 1999, which include the domestic policy directive issued at that meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.